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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Richardson, of Tennessee, the Democratic leader, created a sensation in the House by the presentation of charges alleging corrupt use of $500,000 in connection with the sale of the Danish West Indies; a resolution for the appointment of a committee of investigation was adopted. —— Floods in Mississippi, caused by heavy rains, have interrupted railroad traffic. —— Body of a young woman, who had been missing from home three weeks, found in a mill pond in Wilkes county, N. C. —— Heavy rains in the New Orleans section; miles of railroad tracks are washed away. —— The President has sent a message to Congress recommending that provision be made and salaries appropriated for diplomatic representatives in Cuba. —— The mine workers have agreed not to strike on April first, awaiting a further conference with mine owners. —— S. M. O Clyatt, a wealthy turpentine operator in Florida, convicted of violation of the peonage laws of the United States. —— New York markets: Money on call was firm at 4 per cent.; cotton quiet at 8 15 16c; flour weak and lower; wheat easier, No 2 82½; corn—spot easier, No. 2, 66½c; oats—spot quiet, No. 2 48; rosin steady; spirits turpentine dull at 50@50½c.

WEATHER REPORT

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., March 27.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 45 degrees; 8 P. M., 55 degrees; maximum, 61 degrees; minimum, 41 degrees; mean, 51 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, T.; rainfall since 1st of the month to date, 2.30 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—For North Carolina—Rain Friday and probably Saturday; fresh to brisk southeast winds.

Port Almanac—March 28.

Sun Rises	5.53 A. M.
Sun Sets	6.19 P. M.
Day's Length	12 H. 26 M.
High Water at Southport	10.38 A. M.
High Water Wilmington	1.05 A. M.

The Sandwich Islanders have only twelve letters in their alphabet, but that is enough to spell all the talk in their language.

A fellow recently arrested for bigamy got along very well until he married his 13th wife. That was the hoodoo that got him.

President Roosevelt would like to shelve Miles, but he is afraid if he does that it will make some of the Senators mad and they might sit down on the Hawley Army bill.

On our second page this morning we print an article on the "thermal" belts of western North Carolina which those who have written us for information, and others who give attention to fruit growing, will find interesting.

Miss Stone says she will pay back the last cent of that ransom money, which she considers "more important than saving souls." She is so dead in earnest about it that she threatens to write a book and take the lecture platform.

There is no limit to the "hero" passion in some men. As for instance the ex soldier who recently set fire to the Astor hotel in New York, that he might extinguish it and play the "hero" role. He will now pose in stripes in the penitentiary.

Marriage doesn't seem to be so much of a failure in Canada as it is in some of our States, or the knot is not so easily untied. They say there are in all of the Dominion only 339 divorced men and 322 divorced women. In the city of Montreal there are but three divorced men and eight divorced women.

Two good old sisters near Kasiesville, Pa., came to the conclusion that the 28 head of cattle on their farm were bewitched, and that the witches must be driven out of them by the starvation treatment. Up to last accounts they had starved the witches out of fourteen of them, but these had been starved to death.

A Chicago woman wants a divorce because her husband is too stingy. He denies the allegation, and says he simply objects to a fad his wife has for silk under garments. He says she has "spent in the past four years $32,000, a large part of which went for silk under garments." Why in the mischief didn't he build a silk factory for her?

A Cincinnati firm of lumber men who had already large tracts of timber land in West Virginia have recently effected a deal for another patch of 70,000 acres. Their holdings now amount to 400,000 acres. There is coal on the 70,000 acre tract, too. They paid $600,000 for it, and it is estimated to be worth $3,500,000.

ANNUAL PURIM BALL.

Delightful Entertainment Given Last Evening by Children of the Temple of Israel.

THEIR 23RD ANNUAL EVENT.

Programme of Splendid Features Admirably Executed—Luncheon in the Early Evening, With Music and Dancing—Celebrated Festival.

The twenty-third annual Purim entertainment by the children of the congregation of the Temple of Israel was given yesterday afternoon and last evening in the Harmony Circle rooms, on the second floor of the MacRae building, North Front street.

The affair was a delightful one in every respect, and the ladies in charge of the arrangements are due unstinted praise for the very admirable way in which every detail of the excellent programme was carried out. The children enjoyed themselves as only a large gathering of them can, and not the least event transpired to mar the pleasures of the occasion.

A delightful supper was served early in the evening, and until 10 o'clock at night the little folks enjoyed themselves at calisthenic drills and dancing. The music was furnished by Cammareiro's Italian Orchestra.

The afternoon was given over to the observance of a well arranged programme which opened with a march exercise by all the children. Then followed the regular numbers all of which were cleverly executed:

Opening Address by Miss Elsa Bluethenthal.

Tableau and Dialogue, "Old Folks," by Misses Lillian Solomon and Leonard Silverman.

Military Drill, by Masters Aaron Nathan, Lewis Stein, William Rosenmann, Nathaniel Silverman, Harris Newman and Alfred Sternberger.

Dialogue, "Twins," by Masters Clarence Sternberger and George Sternberger.

Illustrated Song and Chorus, "Wash Day," by Misses Florette Schloss, Clara Goldstein, Ruth Nathan, Elsa Bluethenthal, Lillian Solomon, Dorothy Solky, Lucile Sternberger and Lucile Harris.

Drama, in one act, "The Doll's Hospital," by Misses Marguerite Kahn, Hannah Kaminsky, Helene Waxman, Ethel Solomon, Anna Goldstein and Marguerite Solomon.

The committees of arrangement were as follows:

Refreshments—Mrs. M. W. Jacobi, Mrs. A. A. Nathan, Mrs. M. Rosenmann, Mrs. A. Schloss, Mrs. B. Solomon, Mrs. L. Stein, Mrs. I. J. Sternber and Mrs. H. Waxman.

Amusements—Mrs. L. Bluethenthal, Mrs. J. Kahn, Mrs. L. Mendelsohn, Mrs. J. Solky and Mrs. S. Solomon.

Purim is a celebrated festival in the Jewish Church and dates far back into sacred history. It was instituted by Mordecai at the suggestion of Esther in the reign of Ahasuerus, King of Persia, to commemorate the deliverance of the Jews from the designs of Haman. The word "purim" means in the Persian language "a lot" and the celebration is so called for the lots cast in the presence of Haman with the view of discovering an auspicious day for the Hebrew race in the Persian Dominion. It is observed by all true Israelites the world over and is one of the church's most beautiful festivals.

LOCAL DOTS.

— A license was issued yesterday for the marriage of Mr. John Zollers, Jr., and Miss Frankie Sauls, both of this city.

— By deed filed for record yesterday E. H. Saeed and wife transferred to F. W. Dick, trustee, the "Whitlock cottage" on Wrightsville Beach; consideration $1,600.

— Mr. J. C. Blackley returned yesterday and will have to-day at his stables on Market street, one of the finest lot of Kentucky horses he has ever brought to the city.

— Rev. Colin Shaw, the oldest member of Wilmington Presbytery, is in the city and will return to his home in Bladen to-day. He came down to the city on church business.

— The new coasting schooner belonging to Capt. W. H. Marine which went ashore last week in Corn Cake inlet came off Skinner's marine railway yesterday after a thorough recaulking.

— The first rehearsal for "Gibson's Animated Pictures" will be held at the Y. M. C. to-morrow night. A full attendance is urged as the characters will be assigned by Miss McMillan upon that occasion.

— Dr. Henry Louis Smith, president of Davidson College, will deliver the address at the closing exercises of Fasion academy on Friday, April 18th. Dr. Smith is one of the foremost educators of the State and an elegant literary orator.

— Subscribers who receive bills for subscriptions due the STAR are reminded that it is not fair to expect a publisher to supply them with news for nothing. Many, however, seem to think otherwise. As soon as a bill is received a prompt remittance should be made.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

I. Shrier—Splendid showing.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Ice cream.
W. & W. R R Co.—Interest decl'd
Opera House—Robson Theatre Co.
J. C. Blackley—Horses and mules.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—Two hustling men.

BEAUTIFUL EASTER LEGEND.

Dr. Blackwell Told Sunday School Union How the Rabbit and Egg Became Associated With Easter-tide.

At a well attended meeting of the Sunday School Union at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon, Dr. C. S. Blackwell in the course of his remarks teaching the lesson for next Sunday on "The Resurrection," gave the following bit of pretty legendary history, explaining the significance of the rabbit and the egg as emblems of the Easter-tide:

"The rabbit in ancient Egypt was called 'un'—'to open.'" It sought the nests of hens and ducks, and opened the eggs to feed upon their contents. It became a tradition that the rabbits opened the eggs to let the little chicks or ducks out of the shells. When the traditions reached the German people they associated the idea of the two white robed angels, who opened the tomb of Christ with the white rabbits that opened the egg shells to let the live chicks out. In parts of Germany the parents on Saturday night before Easter Sunday hide colored eggs in all parts of the house. The small children are told that two white rabbits come into the house that night and hide eggs for good children to hunt and find the next morning. So very early on Easter morning the little ones are up and the whole household engage in a great egg hunt. The country boys, for several weeks before Easter, hide the hen's eggs from the other boys and girls and on Easter Sunday morning bring them in. They tell the smaller children that an old rabbit helps them to find so many eggs on that Sunday morning."

Dr. Blackwell also spoke beautifully the following parable of Easter time:

"Once in a sheltered garden there bloomed a beautiful lily, a lily so sweet and pure that the South wind came often to caress it and to whisper soft words of love. But one day the lily faded, nor could the South wind's warm kisses revive its drooping head. Then came the gardener's man who seeing the dead flower plucked it up by the roots, tore off its stalk and leaves and buried the withered brown heart-bulb deep in the earth. 'Cruel, cruel man,' cried the South wind, because it understood not. All Winter long the cold black earth or the white snow lay upon the heart of the lily, and over it the South wind sobbed its sorrow or shrieked in rage at the pitiless gardener. But when the Spring came, behold! the flower arose more beautiful than before. Then the South wind, understanding, kissed the cheek of the gardener in joyous penitence. Jesus is the gardener; our beautiful loved ones die, they are buried in the cold, dark earth out of our sight. Some times we sigh and think he is harsh. But in the springtime of the Resurrection we will find them 'risen' more beautiful than ever."

The Robson Theatre Company.

The Robson Theatre Company, which begins a week's engagement at the Opera House next Monday, has a successful record of several years in the larger cities and best opera houses in the country. Composed, it is said, of the best people in the vaudeville and dramatic portion of the business, the company comes prepared to give the amusement-loving people of this city first class performances in every essential. On Monday night it will present the 4-act comedy drama "The Wheel of Fate," interspersed throughout with new specialties. Ladies free Monday night when accompanied by a person holding a paid 30c ticket purchased before 6 P. M. Monday. Seats on sale to-morrow morning at the usual place.

Constable Sheehan Back.

Constable Wm. Sheehan returned last night from Dillon, S. C., where he went to identify a negro supposed to have been Thos. Evans, who is badly wanted by the authorities here. As stated in yesterday's STAR the officer at Dillon was mistaken in the man arrested and Constable Sheehan continued his visit yesterday to Florence in search of the desperado. No trace of him was found.

Another Menhaden Fishery.

Another menhaden fishery for the lower Cape Fear is projected and the STAR learns that in a very short time orders will be placed for the machinery for the factory. Among the local business men interested in the enterprise are mentioned Messrs, W. E. Worth, H. M. Foard, L. H. Skinner, and Capt. S W. Skinner. The industry is one of the most important in this vicinity.

Thomas Will Keep His Seat.

A special from Washington says: "Mr. Thomas will keep his seat in the House of Representative and his contest is practically at an end. This fact developed at a meeting to-day of the House committee on elections, No 2, when it was decided by both the majority and minority members that Fowler had failed to produce evidence which established any valid claim to his seat. No formal report was agreed upon at this meeting, but the committee adjourned with the understanding that Olmstead, of Pennsylvania, should formulate a report in accordance with the decision referred to."

Jones Off for a Tow.

The tug *Alexander Jones* left last night for Ocracoke, N. C., from whence she will tow the schooner *Cranmer* to Norfolk, Va. The schooner was towed into Ocracoke, light, some time ago by the steamer *Beatrice*, of the Atlantic Fisheries, of this city.

Mrs. N. E. Bunting's Condition.

Fayetteville *Observer*, 26th: "Her many warm friends will be glad to know that, while Mrs. N. E. Bunting, in the hospital at Baltimore, is still very sick, the news is encouraging. The indications are that as soon as she recovers from the shock, which she is doing rapidly, the operation will prove successful and she will improve steadily."

ON BROADER LINES.

Merchants' Association Declares in Favor of Consolidating On More Extended Scale.

SPECIAL MEETING YESTERDAY

Members Think Revenue Under Proposed Merger of Trades Bodies Inconsistent With Efficient Service, Preserving Essential Features.

The Merchants' Association at a special called meeting yesterday afternoon considered at length the plan of consolidation for the trades bodies of the city, but the outline as originally promulgated by the Chamber of Commerce and Produce Exchange failed of adoption.

This action, however, was taken apparently, not because the body is opposed to a centralization of the commercial interests of the city, but because those present were of the opinion that the estimated amount of revenue from the proposed consolidated exchange would be inadequate to maintain the same without the loss of some of the distinctive features of the Merchants' Association, notably the collection bureau. In several other respects also the estimated revenue of $3,620 was regarded as too small and several members expressed the idea that at least $5,000 per year should be contributed by the business men of Wilmington toward maintaining an up-to-date organization with the influence such a body should exert. It also appeared to be the concensus of opinion that the increased amount should largely be borne by the 41 members of the Produce Exchange, who would be the greatest beneficiaries of the consolidation and who have had their assessments of $50 each increased not one cent under the plan proposed.

At the meeting yesterday President W. E Springer was in the chair and others in attendance were Vice President C. M. Whitlock; Secretary P. Heinsberger; Directors W. E. Worth, M. W. Jacobi, J M. Solky, Geo O. Gaylord, D. C. Love, J. H. Thomas, A. O. Schuster and W. H. Chadbourn and Messrs. Geo. R. French, H. A. Burr and E. N. Penny.

The earlier part of the meeting was taken up with a discussion of the constitution and by-laws as to whether there was a quorum present and as to what constituted a quorum. The matter was never definitely settled but it was ascertained that ten of the directors were in attendance and, of course, that constituted a working majority of the Board, who really have more power in respect to a change of the constitution than any large majority of the members of the Association in them selves.

Mr. C. M. Whitlock presented ten proxies against consolidation.

A general discussion then ensued as to the consolidation and at length the following resolution offered by Mr. Worth and seconded by Mr. Burr was unanimously adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Merchants' Association is prepared to co-operate and consolidate with the Chamber of Commerce and Produce Exchange when it is shown that the consolidation will be for the benefit of the community at large, but on the basis proposed, it does not appear to be sufficiently liberal to carry out the ideas advanced.

"*Resolved*, That we propose, in order to carry into effect the proposed consolidation on a stable basis that members of the first class pay $100 per annum, $4,000; second class pay $25 per annum, $700; third class pay $10 per annum., $920, making a total of $5,620.

"*Resolved*, That in the consolidation it be expressly understood that neither the Chamber of Commerce or the Merchants' Association will lose their distinctive features."

Under the first plan of consolidation 40 members of the Produce Exchange were assessed at $50 per year, the same as paid now; 28 members of the Merchants' Association and Chamber of Commerce were assessed according to business classification at $25 per year, instead of $6 and $5, respectively, as now, and 92 members of the Merchants' Association and Chamber of Commerce were assessed at $10 according to business classification instead of $6 and $5, respectively, as now.

Under the resolution above members of the Produce Exchange will be assessed double the amount they are now paying, while members of the other two organizations will be increased the same as they were increased in the original plan of consolidation. Of course a number of members belong to both or all three organizations, but under the consolidation plan they will have to pay under only one class.

Loyal Temperance Legion.

A "Loyal Temperance Legion," a children's auxiliary of the W. C. T. U., has been organized in Wilmington with a large membership and is doing much good in the cause in which it is enlisted. Meetings are held each Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. The regular meeting for this week will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock and all children interested in the movement are cordially invited to attend and hand in their memberships. The meetings are made pleasant and attractive for all who attend.

Funeral Yesterday Morning.

The funeral of the late Wm. H. Savage, whose death at Southport was noted in these columns yesterday, was held the same morning at 10 o'clock from Fifth Street M. E. church, Rev. Jno. H. Hall, the pastor, officiating. The remains were laid to rest in Oakdale cemetery.

THE HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONS

Again Defeated the Blue Caps in Interesting Baseball Game Yesterday Afternoon—The Battery Work.

The game of baseball at Hilton yesterday afternoon resulted in a victory for the High School Champions over the Merriwell Blue Caps in a score of 13 to 8. The game was characterized by good team work all round. The battery work for the winning team was especially good. Foard, the athletic young pitcher, held his opponents down to 7 hits and struck out 12 men. He was a trifle unsteady, however, and gave out six passes. King, for the Blue Caps, also did good work; striking out 9 men and allowing only three bases. Moore and Montgomery each caught a beautiful game.

The teams lined up as follows:

HIGH SCHOOL.		BLUE CAPS
Moore	c	Montgomery
Foard	p	King
McIntire	1b	Allen
Cole	2b	Huhn
Hall	3b	Hearn
Wescott	ss	Genaust
Morse	lf	Woodbury
Schulken	cf	Linder
Orrell	rf	Guthrie

Summary—Struck out by Foard 12 by King 9. First base on balls, by Foard 6, by King 3. Base hits, by High School 14, by Blue Caps 7.

A good crowd witnessed the exhibition. The third in a series of three games between these well known teams will be played very shortly.

PROF. FORD AT THE Y. M. C. A.

Delighted an Audience Which Should Have been Much Larger—Again To-night.

Prof. S. T. Ford, the famous Southern story teller, humorist and impersonator, appeared last evening before a delighted audience in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. He well sustained his established place in the very front rank of platform entertainers in the country and charmed his audience with a melange of fun, wit, humor and instruction. Prof. Ford's strong point is perhaps his delineation of negro character, which is in every instance true to life. To hear him is to revive pleasing memories. He is a great elocutionist, a man of fine presence and much magnetism. He has a voice of splendid compass and pleasing modulation.

To-night for his second appearance under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary, he will have an entirely new programme and deserves to be heard by a large audience.

GRAND MASTER MURRAY HERE.

Made Official Visit to Wilmington Lodge I. O. O. F. Last Night—His Initiation.

Grand Master R. W. Murray, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in North Carolina, arrived last evening from his home in Greensboro and last night made an official visit to Wilmington Lodge No. 139, of this city. The Grand Master was cordially received and good fellowship and pleasant social intercourse were the marked features of the meeting.

To-night Grand Master Murray will be initiated into Letitia Lodge No. 3, Daughters of Rebekah, the ladies' branch of the I. O. O. F. order. He is desirous of getting in touch with every form of Odd Fellowship under his supervision and came to Wilmington for the expressed purpose of joining Letitia Lodge. It is an honor to that lodge that the Grand Master decided to join its ranks in preference to several others in North Carolina.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Factors Think Spirits Has Gone Its Limit and Look for Break.

[*Savannah Morning News*, 27th.]

Unless there are pretty satisfactory supporting orders in the turpentine market the chances appear favorable for a break very soon, according to the way factors talked yesterday after the closing call at the Board of Trade. The market opened quiet at 51c, with no sales, and closed quiet and unchanged, with closing sales of 80 barrels. This later distribution of business was scarcely enough to cut down the holdings of factors, and expressions of a desire for a trading basis were quite general. Factors have apparently been fairly well satisfied up to now, but the light purchases and steady accumulating offerings in their hands gave rise to talk of the probability of somebody "breaking" the market.

TAXATION CLERK RESIGNED.

Mr. W. C. Wishart Leaves for Raleigh to Become Cashier of Dock Company.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., March 27.—W. C. Wishart, of Maxton, has resigned the position of taxation clerk to the North Carolina Corporation Commission to accept a position as cashier of the New York Dock Company. He leaves for New York to-morrow. His successor will be elected in about ten days. The clerkship pays $1,900 per year.

New Sheriff and New Mayor.

Fayetteville *Observer*, 26th: "This morning Mayor-elect C. B. McMillan duly qualified for the duties of his new position before the Clerk of the Superior Court, and Col. W. S. Cook did likewise for his induction into the office of sheriff. Col. Cook has as yet made no decision as to his clerical and official force, except that he temporarily appoints the efficient Mr. John Monaghan as deputy sheriff."

For LaGrippe and Influenza use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by H. Folin's Palace Pharmacy.

WILMINGTON ELKS.

Third Annual Meeting Held Last Night With a Brilliant Social Session.

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

William J. Bellamy, Esq., Chosen Exalted Ruler—Dr. C. T. Harper Grand Representative—Music by Italian Harpers—Other Notes.

The third annual meeting of Wilmington Lodge No. 531, B. P. O. E., was held last night, nearly a hundred of the members having been present.

The greatest interest, of course, centered about the annual election of officers, there having been a spirited but friendly contest for the most important positions. The result was as follows:

Past Exalted Ruler—C. T. Harper.
Exalted Ruler—Wm. J. Bellamy.
Esteemed Leading Knight—I. W. Solomon.
Esteemed Loyal Knight—C. W. Pulvogt.
Esteemed Lecturing Knight—W. G. Elliott, Jr.
Secretary—Warren S. Johnson.
Treasurer—F. W. Dick.
Tyler—Julius P. Taylor.
Trustee—I. M Bear.

House Committee—Wm. J. Bellamy (chairman), Thos. B Carroll, H J. Gerken, R. C. DeRosset and Ike Bear.

Dr. C. T. Harper was chosen grand representative to the Grand Lodge of Elks, which assembles this year at Salt Lake City, Utah.

After the regular lodge exercises members came down to the club rooms on the second floor and enjoyed a delightful social session at which many toasts were proposed and drank to the health of the new standard bearers. The affair was enjoyable for its spontaniety and good fellowship. Splendid music was furnished by the Italian Harpers and it was long after midnight when the "best people" reluctantly gave up the pleasures of the hour.

Wilmington has perhaps the largest and most enthusiastic body of Elks in the Carolinas and whatever they undertake it is generally done right. The affair last night was an enjoyable one, and no exception to the rule.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. O. W. Scott, of Hallsville, was a STAR visitor yesterday.

— Miss Daisy Holt, of Burlington, is the guest of Mrs. E. C. Holt.

— Mrs. J. B. Robeson, of Magnolia, N. C., is spending a few days in the city with friends.

— Miss Lane, of Virginia, who has been visiting the Misses Kenly, returned home yesterday.

— Southport *Standard*: "Miss Bessie Gibson, of Wilmington, returned to her home on Friday last, after having spent a few days in Southport very pleasantly as guest of Mrs. Reinburg.

— The numerous friends of that gallant Confederate, Capt. James I. Metts, will regret exceedingly to know that he is again confined to his home by illness. Capt. Metts is suffering from acute indigestion, but he hopes to be out again in a few days.

— Mr. W. J. Davis, former Senator from New Hanover and Brunswick, has removed to Wilmington, where he expects to reside permanently. Mr. Davis is an energetic and capable business man and will prove a valuable acquisition to our city.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SALE.

Four first class Draft Horses, thoroughly acclimated. For information call at

THE COAL, CEMENT & SUPPLY CO.'S
mch 22 1w Office, 214 South Front street.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD COMPANY,

WILMINGTON, N. C., March 20th, 1902.

The Board of Directors of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. have declared three and one-half per cent. (3½ per cent.) interest on the Certificates of Indebtedness of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company for the six months ending March 31, 1902. Interest due and payable on and after April 1, 1902, at the office of the Treasurer, at Wilmington, N. C., to all holders of record of March 21, 1902.

Transfer books will be closed from March 22, 1902, to March 31, 1902, inclusive.

JAMES F. POST,
mch 23 4t Secretary.

Opera House
ONE SOLID WEEK.
Commencing Monday, March 31.
MATINEE SATURDAY.
Robson Theatre Co.
New Plays, New Specialties.
Monday night the 4-act Comedy Drama,
"The Wheel of Fate."
Prices 10 20 and 30 cents.
Ladies free Monday night. mar 28 3t

Fancy Glue.

We offer 3,690 pounds best Glue 6c pound in barrels.
6½c pound, 100-pound bags.
Shipments at once,
W. B. COOPER,
Progressive Wholesale Grocer,
mar 23 tf Wilmington, N. C.

Just Arrived To-day

Car Load Fine Kentucky Well Broken
Horses and Mules.

Among them several city broken saddlers and drivers. Finest lot ever brought to the city. Prices right.

J. C. BLACKLEY
mar 28 tf 208 and 210 Market Street.

No Business Will Be

TRANSACTED BY THE BANKS OF THIS CITY, FRIDAY, MARCH 28TH.

The Atlantic National Bank,
The Murchison National Bank.
mar 27 2t

Farming Operations

Will soon be in full swing, and we call attention to our immense stock of

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS,

Which we are selling at prices that must attract the attention of buyers.

When it comes to our great stock of

Hardware, Tinware, Cutlery, Guns, Ammunition, &c.,

we have not space to go into details; but you are invited to call and make personal examination.

J. W. Murchison & Co.,
ORTON BUILDING.
mar 19 tf

A Splendid Showing

Of New Spring Styles in Men's, Boys' and Children's wear.

I have a stock that is unsurpassed in the choicest selections and of such variety of exclusive styles that I deem it a pleasure to ask a call from you.

Easter Novelties

in Hats, Shirts, Neckwear, Hosiery, Collars, etc.

Early buyers this season will reap the benefit of choicest selection and lowest prices.

I. SHRIER.
Fine Clothing and Men's Furnishings.
N. E. Corner Front and Princess streets.
mar 28 tf

ICE CREAM

For Easter,

Made from the pure rich Cream,

which is obtained at one of the largest equipped dairies in Eastern North Carolina. A tryal order of my cream will prove its superiority over all other competitors.

Delivered to any part of the city.

J. W. PLUMMER, Jr.,
Bell 'Phone 689. mar 26 tf

Announcement!

As our sale of CREAM is considerable less than we have contracted for this Summer the surplus must be used in our

Ice Cream Department,

thus insuring a better article than heretofore. Same old price,

One Dollar Per Gallon.

E. WARREN & SON.
mar 25 1y

Products of the Season!

Refrigerators, Baby Carriages, Go Carts, Lawn Settees; Porch Rockers, Cottage Furniture.

HINTS FOR THE SEASON — Mattresses made and renovated, Furniture repaired, Wall Paper sold and hung by an expert. Furniture hauled, packed, stored and insured.

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Furniture and Furniture Novelties,
Bell 'Phone 613 111 Market street.
mch 24 tf Inter-State 611.

Executrix Notice.

NORTH CAROLINA,
NEW HANOVER COUNTY,

Having this day qualified as the Executrix, under the last will and testament of Dedrich Steljes, deceased, I hereby notify all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment of the same, and persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me for payment duly attested within twelve months from the date of this notice, or I will plead the same in bar of their recovery.

This the 27th day of February, A. D. 1902.

MARY FRANCES STELJES,
Executrix of Dedrich Steljes, deceased.
feb 28 6t tf

THE CLIMAX.

The Climax Barber Shop, as its name indicates, has reached the highest point of style and excellence. Give us a trial and you will receive polite attention and high class workmanship.

GUION & DAVIS,
mch 4 tf 7 South Front St.

"MATCH IT"
"MATCH IT"
"MATCH IT"
CHEROOTS.

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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 28.

THE THERMAL BELT.

In the STAR of the 26th of February appeared a brief editorial on the "thermal belt" in the mountains of North Carolina as an ideal fruit-growing section which attracted much attention and has brought us numerous letters of inquiry, several of them from fruit growers in the North. For the benefit of these inquirers we have written to several gentlemen whom we thought to be familiar with the section referred to. Several of these gentlemen have kindly answered and thrown considerable light upon the region of which so little seems to be generally known. We herewith present some of these letters, which will be found interesting. One of them is from Hon. S. L. Patterson, Commissioner of Agriculture, who kindly sent us a Handbook issued some years ago by the Department of Agriculture. It was edited by the late Col. J. D. Cameron, who was for some years a resident of and familiar with Western North Carolina, who writes as follows of the the "thermal belt:"

"What is known as the thermal belt of the mountain section may properly be referred to in connection with frost on the principle of *lucus a non lucendo;* for in this thermal belt, so elevated, frost is unknown, or so light in its formation as to be of no detriment to fruits and vegetation. This belt, or locality of exemption, is found on both sides of the mountains, the most noted of which is on Tryon Mountain, in Polk county; and so sharply defined are the lines of exemption that it stands out before the eye a horizontal belt of verdure between parallel lines above and below of blasted flower and foliage. Professor Kerr, in explanation of the cause of the phenomenon, says: "Suffice it to say, that it is due to the nocturnal stratification of the atmosphere of these mountain-enclosed basins, the different horizontal belts having different degrees of humidity whereby the surface radiation is controlled." Or it may be explained by the conflict in those mountain-enclosed basins between the stratifications, the lower stratum, heated by the rays of the sun during the day, rising by the force of natural laws into the upper air, the colder body; while the upper stratum, under force of the same laws, continually descends until towards dawn they meet at a point of equilibrium when farther descent is arrested by the influence of the rising sun, and the formation of frost is no longer possible. The fact remains that within the limits of these frost belts, fruits never fail, and at the height of from 1,500 to 2,000 feet frosts never fall. Such localities are found along the the face of the Blue Ridge in Burke and McDowell counties, along the face of the South Mountains in Burke, in the Brushy Mountains in the several counties through which that range passes, and at many points in the mountains west of the Blue Ridge. In the future, the phenomenal section must become of inestimable value in fruit and viticulture; for nowhere else is there such certain assurance of the security and maturity of peaches, and other tender fruit crops, or of the grape; to the successful cultivation of the grape the soil and the general conditions of the climate offer numerous inducements.

Colonel Cameron was writing of what he *saw* and *knew*.

A letter addressed to Hon. S. L. Patterson, State Commissioner of Agriculture, brought the following answer. After some preliminary remarks he says:

"I have some personal knowledge of the mountains described, and while I do not know "that frosts never fall" I do know that the Brushy Mountains of Wilkes and Caldwell and the Southern Mountains of Burke and McDowell, practically all one range, are admirably adapted to the culture of fruit of all kinds and garden vegetables. Apples grown on these mountains seem of an entirely different variety from the same apples grown in the valleys below. Colonel Cameron is correct also in the statement that the same conditions exist, certainly to a great extent, on the ridges and spurs of the Blue Ridge.

"I am having many inquiries for fruit lands, especially for apple lands. Intelligent cultivation given to fruit on these mountains, as well as in the counties west of the Blue Ridge, would supply all our markets, and add many thousands of dollars to the value of the lands. Your article seems to have attracted attention. Besides the inquiries which it has brought to you, I have received at least one referring to it, from New York city, from a native of Switzerland, whose love of the mountains inspires the desire to leave the city and seek a home in North Carolina."

A letter addressed to Prof. J. A. Holmes, State Geologist, brought us the following interesting and comprehensive reply from Mr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, mineralogist of the Geological Survey, who answered in the absence of Prof. Holmes.

"Without going into any detailed description of the thermal belts, I would say that these belts exist along the Blue Ridge and in them destructive frosts are comparatively unknown and the fruit crops are more certain than anywhere else. They are found for the most part along the east and southeastern slopes of the mountains and in the Autumn they show a luxuriant green long after the frosts have browned everything in the valleys below. In the Spring the blooming fruit trees are often touched by the frosts in the valleys, but those higher up in the thermal belts escape these frosts entirely. These belts are often very pronounced on the slopes of Brushy mountains in Wilkes county and in Caldwell county; to some extent in Burke, McDowell and Rutherford counties. The effect of these thermal belts on fruit growing is perhaps the most pronounced in Polk county and some phenominal records have been made in fruit growing in these counties. These sections are wonderfully adapted to fruit growing and fruit trees of all kinds can be raised and many diseases that affect the trees in the more northern localities are unknown in these counties.

"I do not believe we can make a statement too strong regarding the conditions that are offered for fruit raising in these counties and I feel sure that if any people in the North are interested in the growing of fruit, they would feel repaid to investigate the different localities in the Western part of our State. The Southwestern part of Jackson and the Southeastern part of Transylvania counties are also well adapted to fruit raising, as they are on the south and southeastern slopes of the Blue Ridge. Peach and apple trees thrive here and bear abundantly. Some of the largest bunches of grapes that I have seen in the State have also been raised in this vicinity.

"I have seen such remarkable results obtained from fruit growing in the sections mentioned above that I feel sure that any one undertaking fruit growing as a business and who is willing to give the necessary care and attention to the trees and vineyards, that it would make a very profitable investment. West of Blue Ridge in Henderson, Haywood, Buncombe, Watauga, Ashe, Mitchell and Yancey counties is the home of the apple and it seems to me that this section is destined to become one of the greatest apple growing regions in America. Thus far, however, there have been but few attempts made to grow the fruit in a systematic manner, but wherever this has been done, the results have indeed been surprising."

Mr. M. V. Richards, Industrial Agent of the Southern Railway Company, kindly contributed the following to the information we sought:

"My understanding is that this belt extends along the Eastern slope of the Blue Bidge mountains and that it is comparatively free from destructive frosts, and the fruit crops are more certain there than elsewhere. This belt extends along the Bushy mountains in Wilkes and other counties, particularly Polk, Tryon, N. C., being one of the localities, and at this latter place there are quite a number of people from the North settled and engaged in fruit culture. These frostless conditions seem to be caused by the settling of the cold air of the night into the valleys, pushing up the warm air and they show a luxuriant green in the Fall long after frost has browned everything in the valleys. The same influences protect the blooming trees in the Spring. These places are particularly favorable for the growing of fruit trees, which flourish with very little attention, being free from many diseases that affect them in more Northern localities. Apples in particular do well when undertaken under intelligent methods and with the proper varieties."

Here are three letters from well known and reliable gentlemen, supplementing the description by Col. Cameron published above, and substantially agreeing with it and with each other.

In addition to these we have several letters from residents of the section referred to, one from Dr. M. F. Morphew, of Marion, who informs us that these "thermal" plateaus, as they might be called, are found throughout an area from 200 to 300 miles in length and from 50 to 100 miles in width. He says the fruit growing region is of larger extent, but the most favored locations are within this area, the section in the East of the Blue Ridge being the best for peaches, pears, grapes, etc. The lands range from $2 to $10 an acre, according to location, etc. He reminds us that apples from Yancey county took the first premium at the last Paris Exposition, and have taken prizes at every exposition where they have been exhibited.

Mr. John G. Yancey, of Woodlawn, McDowell county, writes us that he has been growing peaches for years at his place, on the south side of the Blue Ridge, and they have never been injured by frost.

We publish these letters and give so much space to this matter for the benefit of information-seekers, and because they throw some light on a very attractive but comparatively little known section of our State, which ought to be, and some day will be, a famous and prosperous fruit-growing section.

We trust those who have written us for information will find some at least of what they seek in the above, enough to give them some idea of the region on which we write—"the Land of the Sky"—a beautiful land, as fair and charming as the blue sky above it.

LEVEL HEADED RAILROAD MANAGEMENT.

We have had occasion several times to refer to the management of the Illinois Central railroad, which now has a continuous line from Chicago to New Orleans, and is one of the most prosperous and progressive roads in this country.

It was the first railroad in this country, as far as we know, to adopt the share-holding system with its employes, selling its stock to them in proportion to their ability to pay, and making the terms easy so they would have no difficulty in meeting the payments from their earnings. Many of its employes are now stockholders and feel a personal interest in the prosperity of the road. It was also among the first to adopt the pensioning of incapacitated or aged employes.

Its policy, too, has been to work for the settlement and upbuilding of the country through which its lines run, and it encourages immigration by giving low rate tickets to people who desire to inspect the country along its lines, giving them ample time to do so. The result of that has been the settlement of many Northern and Western people in its Southern territory.

The latest progressive move is to plant on both sides of its main lines and branches, from Chicago to New Orleans, continues groves of catalpa trees, for the double purpose of adding to the attractions of the road and supplying timber for ties when the trees are grown. At its stations, too, flower gardens will be laid out to beautify them. This is combining the useful with the ornamental, and shows level-headed sense.

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TAKE OFF ITS MASK.

In discussing the anti-oleomargarine bill, Wednesday, Senator Hansbrough, of North Dakota, contended that the oleomargarine industry "should be compelled to take off its mask and place its product on the market for what it really is."

That is right. If that was all the oleomargarine manufacturers would have no right to complain and no one would object to such a law. But the dairy men are not satisfied with that, for they want a law that will destroy the oleomargarine industry, leaving them free to put the poorest products of the butter factory on the market under seductive brands.

The reason given by some of the Senators for supporting the bill is that some of the makers of oleomargarine perpetrate fraud and sell their stuff as butter. That may be. But is that any reason why an industry in which millions of dollars are invested, and which supplies the people of this country with more than a hundred million pounds of a wholesome and cheap substitute for butter, should be struck down? Because there are men who violate the internal revenue laws and do a fraudulent liquor and tobacco business is that a reason why the distilling of liquors and the manufacture of tobacco should be crushed? Is there no way to punish these oleomargarine fraud perpetrators?

The manufacture of oleomargarine is a greater industry in Germany and in France than it is in this country. They are not trying to crush it there, although both of those countries are importers of butter. They recognize it as an important, useful and valuable industry which supplies their people with a cheap substitute for butter and therefore they do not want to destroy that industry.

There is no more reason why it should be destroyed in this country. The diary industry is not so imperilled by it as to require its destruction, for that industry is not only prosperous but is growing. There are thousands of farms in the West where wheat growing has been abandoned and dairying undertaken. There are hundreds of creameries in those sections now, and the lands which ten years ago were unsalable because of the failures of the wheat crops, are now worth a hundred dollars an acre; and the dairies did it. That is no languishing industry that needs to be kept alive by destroying other industries.

The new directory of Birmingham gives that city a population of 110,000. We don't know what the population of Birmingham is, but we have observed that nothing can multiply the population of a town as rapidly as a hustling directory man who understands his business. We never could get that kind of a fellw to come along this way.

Chicago doesn't propose to be left by towns like Berlin and Paris, and has gone to eating horse meat, too. Last year the denizens of that town ate 15,000, and it is said will eat more this year. If we were invited to accept that kind of horse-pitality we should say neigh.

There are American commercial travellers, otherwise called "drummers," in every country in Europe, except Bulgaria. There is not one there. Perhaps they are afraid they might be kidnapped and held for ransom.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Wilmington District—Second Round.

Southport, March 26-27
Burgaw, Trinity, March 29-30
Whiteville, Fair Bluff, April 2
Market Street, April 6
Town Creek, Gay's Chapel, April 6
Bladen Street, April 9
Grace, April 3
Waccamaw, Bethesda, April 16
Shallotte, Andrews' Chapel, April 17
Carver's Creek, Grant's Chapel, April 19 20
Bladen Circuit, Center, April 26-27
Elizabeth, Union, May 3-4
Magnolia, Rose Hill, May 10-11
Clinton, Kendall, May 17 28
Jacksonville, May 24 25
Fifth Street, May 25
Kenansville, Warsaw, May 31
Onslow, June 7-8

District Conference at Fair Bluff, April 1-3.

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When a laxative is required use Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Col. F. S. Andrews of Ohio, who has been spending some time in Cuba, says that in less than five years the island will be in the throes of civil war, as one incident of which Spain will propose to the island that it return to Spanish domination. A pro-Spanish movement, he says, is already being fostered by the rich land owners who while claiming to be Cubans, are really Spaniards.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

—— If the head of the army be for any reason unfit, let us say so and choose another, but a council is worse than nothing. The United States lost battles steadily during the Civil War while it tried to direct the war from Washington, and only won when it gave the man in the field authority and liberty to act. An acephalous army is only a mob—better an army of stags led by a lion than an army of lions led by a stag.—*Jacksonville Times-Union, Dem.*

—— Representative Rhea, of the Third district of Kentucky, has been selected as the first Democratic Congressman to be hamstrung and retired by a partisian Elections Committee. Mr. Rhea had 156 majority in his district in the election, and it required several weeks' time and microscopic inspection of ballots to turn this slight advantage into a defiency of 21 votes. This sort of partisan cut throat business would be highly amusing to the public were it not for the disregard of statutory regulations and consitutional limitations which it consciously and sedulously promotes.—*Philadephia Record, Dem.*

—— We find men calling other men fools on account of their unwillingness to follow trades instead of working in offices. But the fool who keeps his business together on borrowed money and false representations, rather than live in an unfashionable neighborhood or curtail any of his expenses, is about as bad, after all, as the fool who covets for his son a clerical or professional life instead of one amid machinery and grime. It is a case of social prejudice in both. Of course, the throughly indpendent and sensible man will consult his self-respect and his real interest before the opinions of his neighbors, but such men are not so common anywhere.—*Washington Times, Ind.*

TWINKLINGS

— Nightmares.—"I dream my stories," said Hicks, the author "How you must dread going to bed!" exclaimed Cynicus.—*Tit-Bits.*

— Half Way: She—We need some new portieres, dear. He—And I need some new clothes. She—Then we'll compromise. I'll get the clothes.—*Puck.*

— An Idea: The Star—I've had my diamonds stolen three times and been married four. Now, what else can I do? Manager—You might take lessons in acting.—*Puck.*

— Maud — You looked really charming at last night's dinner, Helen—Oh, you are flattering. Maud —No, no honest, I did not know you at first.—*Life.*

— Behind the Scenes: Dear me! exclaimed the soubrette. I've broken one of my earrings. What shall I do? Telephone for a glazier, suggested the low comedian.—*Chicago Daily News.*

— Missed It.—"I missed one of my pullets last night, Rufus" said the Colonel sternly. "Sho," replied Rufus evasively, "you" oughtn't tuh shoot at pullets in de dahk, Kunnel."—*Ohio State Journal.*

— Not Anxious for Particulars.—"Does your husband always tell you in the evenings everything he has done during the days?" "Mercy, no. Do you suppose I would let him bore me that way?"—*Chicago Record Herald.*

— An Imitimation—"Our new town," said the Jersey real estate boomer, "is destined to be more fashionable than Orange. It is laid out in the same way." "So?" remarked the Gothamite. "I suppose you'll call it 'Mock Orange.'"—*Philadelphia Press.*

— Breakers Ahead: Aunt (anxiously)—Do you think you have had the proper training for a poor man's wife, Sweet Girl—Yes, indeed. Papa hasn't given me any spending money worth mentioning for years. I always get things charged.—*New York Weekly.*

— Delays are Dangerous: "If you were I," she said to her dearst friend, "would you be married in the Spring or in the Fall?" "If I were you," was the unhesitating reply, "and had actually secured a man, I would set the weddipg for the earliest date possible."—*Chicago Evening Post.*

Old Soldier's Experience.

M. M. Austin, a civil war veteran, of Winchester, Ind., writes: "My wife was sick a long time in spite of good doctor's treatment, but was wholly cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills, which worked wonders for her health." They always do. Try them. Only 25c at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Chatham *Record*: We regret to hear of the death of Mr. Joseph F. Womble, who died on last Sunday, aged about 65 years.

— Goldsboro *Headlight*: The death of Mr J W. Talton occurred at his home in Pateiown Monday morning at 3 o'clock, aged 55 years —— The exact population of Goldsboro as set down by the Interstate Directory Company, who are now making a directory of this city, is 8 200.

— Concord *Standard*: The dead body of a girl was discovered in a pond at Rhoda, six miles from Elkin, on last Sunday morning. The girl had several bruises, showing that she had been brutally murdered, and her condition furnishes a clue to the purposes.

— Hillsborough *Observer*: As to the damage done by the recent severe cold weather, Von Herrman, the Raleigh weather man, says he thinks fruit was hurt only in the east and centre of this State, as none was in bloom in the west. He does not think strawberries were much injured, as they were not in bloom.

— Rockingham *Anglo-Saxon*: Mrs Susan P. McDonald, widow of the late Martin R. McDonald, lost her dwelling house and all its contents; also, kitchen and dining room and contents, last Saturday morning about 3 o'clock, by fire. She lived about a mile and a half above Gibson's mill. Comparatively nothing was saved, not even some money that was in the house.

— Winston *Journal*: Mrs. Wesley Jones, who resides near Williams, some fifteen miles west of this city, fell in a fireplace Monday evening while suffering from an attack of epilepsy and was terribly burned. She was alone at the time, and several minutes elapsed before she regained consciousness. The left side of her face was burned to a crisp, one ear was consumed and her hair burned from her head, and her right side was also badly burned. After recovering consciousness she was able to extinguish the flames and save herself further injury. As soon as her friends returned medical aid was summoned and last night reports indicated that she was not fatally injured.

The Girl Who Grew Prettier.

Mr. Charles Whymper, the well khown engraver and animal painter, told the following anecdote some years ago: "I dined at Mr. So-and-so's at Highgate last night, and as a mark of honor his eldest daughter was assigned to me to take down to dinner. She's a bright girl, and I got along very nicely with her and Lady Bletherington on the other side until the ladies were on the eve of retiring to the drawing room. I was talking about the beautiful scenery near the house, the views from the windows, the fine air, when Miss —— suddenly said, 'I think I get prettier every day, don't you?'

"What could she mean? I did not dare to answer her, so I said: 'I beg your pardon. What did you say?'

"'I said I think I get prettier every day.'

There was no mistaking her words, so I answered, 'Yes, indeed, you get prettier, and no wonder in such fresh air and'— Just then she caught her mother's eye, and, with the other ladies, she left the room. As she went out she looked over her shoulder with such a withering scorn in her eyes that I knew I had put my foot in it somehow. Then it flashed upon me that I had misunderstood her. She had dropped an 'h.' What she had said was not a silly compliment to herself. The sentence really was, 'I think Highgate prettier every day.'"—Chambers' Journal.

Knew His Man.

A story about the late James G. Batterson, president of the Travelers' Insurance company of Hartford. Ex-Governor Waller of Connecticut wanted to obtain a charter for a new corporation which he represented, and the opposition called Mr. Batterson as their star witness. He was asked by his own side only two questions.

"You have lived in Hartford a great many years, Mr. Batterson?"

"Yes, sir."

"Are you in favor of granting this charter?"

"No, sir."

Here his lawyers rested, leaving the rest to chance, knowing that Mr. Batterson could keep his end up in any verbal battle with ex-Governor Waller. The latter began by asking:

"Mr. Batterson, you have lived here many years?"

"I have."

"Well, sir," added Governor Waller, "it is my wish that you may live in Hartford many more years. That is all, sir."

Thus was Mr. Batterson's opportunity to talk shelved. Governor Waller knew his man.—New York Times.

The Pulpit Versus the Bar.

An eminent American lawyer, now deceased, was sadly given to intoxication. On one occasion he entered a church while a minister was holding forth on the future punishment of the wicked.

Fixing his eye upon the lawyer, who was reeling near the door, the preacher exclaimed. "There stands a sinner against whom I shall bear witness in the day of judgment."

At this the lawyer folded his arms, planted himself as firmly as he could and, addressing the man in the pulpit, electrified the whole congregation after this fashion:

"Sir, I have been practicing in the criminal courts for twenty years, and I have always found that the greatest rascal is the first to give state's evidence."—Scotsman.

The Spanish Language.

The Spanish alphabet is perfect save for a single silent letter, h. Each letter has only one sound and pronounced as spelled. The written language therefore is, with a single exception, free from redundant letters. The chief difficulty in the language to English speaking people is the inflection of its verbs. These move from one mood and tense to another by terminal changes, while English verbs move by auxiliaries. In inflection Spanish follows Latin, of which it is a beautiful and richly endowed daughter, so much so that it adopts no word or phrase from other languages.

The Arctic Summer.

The arctic summer is brief, but for weeks together there is nothing to distinguish day and night. Once at Dvornik two naturalists had left their ship at different hours. When later they met, one said, "Good morning;" the other, "Good evening." Both agreed that the hour was 7, but while one traveler held that it was 7 tomorrow morning the other maintained that it was 7 o'clock last night. On returning to the ship they settled that it was last night, so they dined and went to bed again.

Easy.

Theodore—It's all right, darling. I have met your father, and we took to one another at once. He even went so far as to borrow $10 from me. Surely he can't refuse me your hand after that.

Edith—Dory, I'm afraid you've made a mess of it. Pa told me about the $10 and said I'd better let you slide; that you were too easy.—Boston Transcript.

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The Tricks of Fate.

Daniel Webster twice missed being president by not accepting a nomination for vice president. Theodore Roosevelt becomes president through having reluctantly accepted a nomination he wanted to refuse because he thought it would spoil his chances for the presidency. Such are the tricks of fate.—Montreal Herald.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

☞ The following quotations represent wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but the STAR will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted.

BAGGING—			
2 lb Jute			6½
Standard			6¼
Burlaps	6	@	6¼
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams	13½	@	14
Sides	10	@	10½
Shoulders	9	@	9¾
DRY SALTED—			
Sides	9½	@	9½
Shoulders	9	@	9¼
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 35	@	1 35
Second-hand Turpentine	1 35	@	1 35
New New York, each		@	1 35
New City, each		@	1 35
BRICKS—			
Wilmington	6 50	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina	15	@	18
Northern	22	@	28
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	75	@	77½
Virginia Meal		@	77½
COTTON TIES		@	1 10
CANDLES			
Sperm	18	@	35
Adamantine	8	@	11
COFFEE—			
Laguyra	11	@	12½
Rio	7	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4		@	5½
Yarns, bunch of 5 lbs		@	0
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, barrel	22 00	@	23 00
Mackerel, No. 1, half-bbl	11 00	@	11 50
Mackerel, No. 2, barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2, half-bbl	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, barrel	3 50	@	4 00
Mullets, pork barrel	7 00	@	7 50
N. C. Roe Herring	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod	6	@	10
" Extra	4 00	@	5 00
FLOUR—			
Low grade	3 50	@	3 75
Choice	3 75	@	4 00
Straight	4 25	@	4 50
First Patent		@	5 00
GLUE	8	@	10
GRAIN— bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White	85	@	85½
Mixed Corn		@	80
Oats, from store (mixed)	60	@	60
Oats, Rust Proof	75	@	75
Cow Peas	1 30	@	1 40
HIDES—			
Green salted	4	@	5
Dry flint	10	@	11
Dry salt	9	@	10
HAY 100 lbs			
No 1 Timothy	95	@	1 00
Rice Straw	50	@	60
N. C. Hay	75	@	80
HOOP IRON		@	3
CHEESE—			
Northern Factory	13½	@	14
Dairy Cream	12	@	13½
Half cream	10	@	12½
LARD—			
Northern	12½	@	12½
North Carolina	10	@	12½
LIME, barrel	1 10	@	1 25
PORK, barrel—			
City Mess		@	18 50
Rump		@	18 50
Prime		@	17 50
ROPE	11	@	12
SALT, sack, Alum		@	1 25
Liverpool		@	90
American		@	60
On 192 Sacks	50	@	60
SUGAR— Standard Gran'd		@	5 00
Standard A		@	4¾
White Extra C	4½	@	4¾
Extra C, Golden		@	4¼
C Yellow		@	4
LUMBER (city sawed) ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	15 00	@	20 00
Rough edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	15 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogsheads		@	32
Barbadoes, in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads	29	@	31
Porto Rico, in barrels	29	@	34
Sugar House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	17	@	27
NAILS, keg, Cut, 60d basis	2 35	@	2 45
SOAP, Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, M feet—Shipping	8 00	@	9 00
Common mill	4 00	@	5 00
Fair mill	5 00	@	6 50
Prime mill	6 50	@	7 50
Extra mill	8 00	@	8 50
SHINGLES, N.C. Cypress sawed			
6 inch heart	6 25	@	7 00
" Sap	5 50	@	6 00
5x20 Heart	3 50	@	4 00
" Sap	2 50	@	3 00
WHISKEY, gallon Northern	1 90	@	2 10

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—7 bales cotton, 2 barrels tar.

W. C. & A. Railroad—74 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 64 barrels tar.

C. C. Railroad—121 bales cotton, 59 barrels tar.

A. & Y. Railroad—2 casks spirits turpentine, 131 barrels rosin, 18 barrels tar.

Steamer Highlander—10 casks spirits turpentine, 344 barrels tar

Steamer E A Hawes—104 barrels rosin, 53 barrels tar, 3 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer C. M. Whitlock—8 casks spirits turpentine, 54 barrels rosin, 54 barrels tar.

Schooner Leah—10 barrels rosin, 1 barrel tar.

Lumber Raft—20 barrels tar.

Total—202 bales cotton, 24 casks spirits turpentine, 289 barrels rosin, 676 barrels tar, 3 barrels crude turpentine.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Produce Exchange.]

STAR OFFICE, March 27.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Nothing doing.

TAR—Market firm at $1.20 per barrel of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine quiet at 34@33½c. Rosin nothing doing; tar steady at $1.15; crude turpentine quiet at $1.10 @3.10.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	24
Rosin	289
Tar	619
Crude turpentine	3

Receipts same day last year—9 casks spirits turpentine, 460 barrels rosin, 83 barrels tar, 15 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 8¼c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	6¼	cts. ₱ lb
Good ordinary	7¾	" "
Low middling	8¼	" "
Middling	8¼	" "
Good middling	8 15-16	" "

Same day last year, market steady at 7¾c for middling.

Receipts—202 bales; same day last year, 155.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 80c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish, 75@80c.

CORN—Firm; 76@80c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 11@ 13c per pound; shoulders, 10@12½c; sides, 10@11c.

EGGS—Dull at 10½@11c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 15@ 25c; springs, 10@15c.

TURKEYS—Dressed, firm at 12@ 15c; live, 10@11c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6¼c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 70@ 75c per bushel.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Money on call firm at 4 per cent, closing, with 4 per cent offered. Prime mercantile paper quoted at 4½@5 per cent. Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at 487¾@487¾ for demand and at 485¼@485¾ for 60 days. Posted rates 486 and 488¼. Commercial bills 484½@485½. Bar silver 53¾. Mexican dollars 43¾. Government bonds steady. State bonds were inactive. Railroad bonds irregular. U. S. refunding 2's, registered, 109; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 109¼; U. S. 3's registered, 109½; do. coupon, 109½. U. S. 4's, new registered, 1.9; do. coupon 139¾; U. S. 4's, old reg'd. 111; do. coupon, 112; U. S. 5's registered, 106; do. coupon, 106; Southern Railway, 5's, 120¼. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 106¾; Chesapeake & Ohio 45½; Manhattan L 133½; New York Central 163½; Reading 58; do. 1st preferred 81½; do. 2nd preferred 66½; St. Paul 163½; do. pref'd, 186½; Southern Railway 33¼; do. pref'd 94¼; Amalgamated Copper 63¾; Am'n Tobacco —; People's Gas 102½; Sugar 134; Tennessee Coal and Iron 70½; U. S. Leather 12¾; do. pref'd, 82¾; Western Union 90¼; U. S. Steel 41½; do. preferred 98¾; Mexican National 19¼; American Locomotive —; do. preferred —; Standard Oil 635@645 Virginia-Carolina Chemical 68¾; do. preferred, 132¾.

BALTIMORE, March 27 —Seaboard Air Line, common, 24@24¼; do. preferred, 44@44½; do. 4s 84½@85

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine dull at 50@50½c.

CHARLESTON, March 27.—Spirits turpentine and rosin unchanged.

SAVANNAH, March 27.—Spirits turpentine firm at 52c; receipts 110 casks; sales 99 casks; exports 914 casks Rosin firm; receipts 708 barrels; sales 683 barrels; exports 723 barrels Quote: A, B, C, D, $1 30; E, $1 35; F, $1 40; G, $1 45; H, $1 50; I, $1 75; K $2 45; M, $2 85; N, $3 25; W G, $3 60; W W. $3 85.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, March 27.—The cotton market opened steady with prices two to four points higher in partial response to firmer cables and light port receipts, further advancing after the call to 8.67 for July on active general buying. Bull support was something of a feature on the early rise, though shorts were the more eager buyers. However, strike reports from a number of Southern mills with further advices from Lowell resulted in a quick change of front on the part of the room trade and before 11 o'clock the whole list was off some five to seven points under selling for both accounts. Pit shorts unbesitatingly sold May and July contracts. It was noticed that European representatives and houses accustomed to handle New Orleans orders were taking nearly all the short cotton sold, and this led conservative operators to look for a rally in the event of estimates for to morrow's New Orleans and Houston receipts being small. The figures proved to be decidedly below the actual receipts of the same day last year and for the rest of the session the

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Assets.		Liabilities.	
Loans	$1,000,791 42	Capital	$ 125,000 00
U. S. Bonds	268 900 00	Surplus, etc	121.950 66
Real Estate	33,000 00	Circulation	95,100 00
Cash on hand and in Banks	453,428 50	Deposits	1,414,069 26
	$1,756,119 92		$1,756,119 92

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TRUMPETER MUELLER, SOLDIER

The Story of a Man Who Was Thought Fit Only to Blow Bugle Calls.

BY EDWARD B. CLARK.

Hans Mueller used to toot a trumpet in the Third cavalry. Hans was more or less of a butt for the jokes of the men of his troop. He took all kinds of gibes with a good nature that was as perfect as it was stolid. The trumpeter knew more about music than he did about muskets. When for awhile he tried what the other men called straight soldiering, he was continually getting tangled up with his equipments, and on several occasions at skirmish drill he came within an ace of shooting himself. His comrades told Hans that as long as he confined his efforts to killing himself they would offer no strenuous objection, but that if he got real careless and shot the head off some one else he must look out for trouble. As a matter of fact, he did one day come pretty close to putting a bullet through the heart of Sergeant Peter Nelson, who forthwith thrashed Hans in an approved style. Captain Roberts called Hans "gross" and said that he must stick to his trumpet.

The edict of his chief made Hans feel bad. He blew the whole scale of calls from reveille through fatigue, recall and drill to taps, but his soul wasn't in his music. Down deep in Hans' soul there came the thought that somehow he was not like other men. The smartness of appearance which characterized Sergeant Nelson, Corporal Brady and a score of privates he knew could never be his. There was lacking in his makeup that something which gives dash to a soldier. Hans used to fall over his feet in a most unmilitary way, and his hands were never in the proper places. There was one thing, however, that could be said for him, he always tried to obey orders implicitly. He generally blundered while making the attempt, but the intent was right, and that covers a multitude of sins much more serious in nature than mere blunders.

The Third cavalry was in the Wyoming country in the Elkhorn creek region. There had been a good deal of trouble with the Nez Perces, and L troop had been kept on the jump most of the time for a month. L troop was Hans' outfit. There had been one constant succession of scoutings. It had been necessary to send small squads in half a dozen different directions at one and the same time. The trumpeter had been forced to stay with the main body, which was not a very big main body at that, at all times. He had been in everything in which the whole troop was engaged, but the idea of sending Hans out on a reconnoissance where coolness and the subtlety of the devil were necessary for safety was the last thing that ever entered the head of the troop commander.

One day, however, one of the coldest days of the second winter month, it became necessary to send a scouting party to investigate the rumor of the approach of a band of savages. Now, it happened that the whole command was fagged out, and this in a nutshell is the reason why Hans Mueller found himself for the first time in his life in a position of acute responsibility. He was ordered by Captain Roberts to proceed with Sergeant Nelson and two privates northwest until something was "felt" or until the sergeant was satisfied that a wrong report had been turned into the camp.

When the little body set out, the fatigue of the individual members of the troop showed that it was not, so to speak, strong enough to keep these same individuals from giving Hans a sendoff. Hans had a carbine and a revolver. His trumpet was hanging up on a peg. One of the bystanders said to the sergeant in command: "Look out for Hans if you happen to get into a scrimmage. The first thing you know he'll forget himself, and he'll try to blow 'retreat' on his carbine. You may lose one man if Hans puts his mouth to the wrong end of the barrel."

Then they said a few other things to Hans. He was told to be sure not to get his canteen mixed up with his cartridge belt and to make sure that he took note of the landmarks on the way out so he could get back to camp in a hurry if he happened to hear an Indian shoot off his gun. Hans took all this well enough, because the thought of actually going out on a scout was sufficient to knock all other things out of his head, resentment along with them. They had left the camp far behind them. Sergeant Nelson, who was an old and tried campaigner, turned to his men and said, "We are getting near the place where we may expect to see something." Then he spoke seriously to Hans. "Mueller," he said, "you're not half as bad perhaps as the troop makes out, but I tell you honestly that I'm kind of afraid of you when it comes to a pinch. Do the best you can and don't run. As a matter of fact, I think that Jim Crosby was pipe dreaming when he brought the rumor of reds in this vicinity into camp, but you may have a chance to see trouble and if you do please stick."

That was a pretty tough thing to have to say to a soldier with Uncle Sam's uniform on his back. Stick! Mueller's face went almost white under realization that the true significance of that admonition was that the sergeant had a pretty strong fear in his heart that this trumpet tooter was a coward. Stick! He would show them if he was only given a chance.

Sergeant Peter Nelson was an old and tried campaigner, indeed, but that day he made a mistake. He led his three men straight into an ambush. There were a score of painted Nez Perces straight across their track. The Indians had very little cover, but they used it so artfully that the old soldier sergeant had actually thought that the bit of embankment and the few scattered bowlders did not offer cover enough to conceal a jack rabbit.

The first intimation of the Indians' presence was a volley. Sergeant Nelson went to the ground with a wound in his side. One of the privates, shot through the shoulder and leg, fell with him. The two men crawled behind a couple of rocks and secured temporary shelter. At the savage volley Hans Mueller's heart went to his throat. With the other private, who, like Hans, was unhit, he fell back about forty yards and went behind an adequate cover. There for five minutes they exchanged shots with the reds, who, in accordance with Indian custom, would not charge across the open, but depended rather upon being able to pick off the soldiers and then to go forward without danger and take the scalps. Hans Mueller found that he could use his carbine. His heart went down out of his throat. He looked around him and saw that there was some chance of holding the savages off for hours. Out beyond he saw his two stricken comrades. They were not dead. He knew that because he saw them move and occasionally weakly raise themselves and send a shot in the direction of the red foe.

Hans said to himself, "Those men must be brought back here." Then he handed his carbine to his comrade and with it his belt and ammunition. "You may need these," he said, "if those fellows hit me." Then he jumped over the rock in front of him, and with his long, shambling, ungainly stride he made for the side of Sergeant Nelson. The Indians pumped at him. The balls whizzed by his head, cut his clothes in three places and spat spitefully into the dust at his feet. Telling Nelson to grab his carbine, Mueller raised the sergeant in his arms and made back for cover, his track all the way marked out for him by the shots of the savages. He dropped the sergeant under the shadow of the rock and then stood on his feet.

"Where you going, Mueller?" said Sergeant Nelson feebly.

"I'm going after Dodds," said Mueller, and he cleared the little rock to the front once more.

"God bless you, Mueller," was what he heard above the cracking of the rifles to his front. He reached the side of the wounded Dodds, raised him and started back with him across the strip of hell. Twice he staggered as volleys rang out, but he reached the side of his comrades and placed Dodds between Nelson and the unwounded trooper.

Then Hans Mueller fell dead.

Relief came to the three surviving cavalrymen. The two wounded lived. In the little cemetery at a post in the far northwest there is a headstone which is inscribed thus:

"Hans Mueller, Trumpeter and Soldier. His Courage Was Bullet Proof."
—Chicago Record-Herald.

Attacked by a Heron.

"I've hunted everything from gray squirrels to grizzlies," said a veteran Philadelphia sportsman, "and the nearest I ever came to being seriously injured by any sort of game was one time when a wounded bird attacked and tried to kill me.

"I was a boy then and went down to a creek that flowed through my father's farm to watch for a mink. It was early in the evening, and a blue heron came and sat within tempting gunshot. I knew it would spoil my chances at mink to shoot the bird, and I didn't intend to do it; but, kidlike, I raised the gun and took aim just to see how I could kill it if I would. I lowered the gun and then raised it again. Every time I raised it I would touch the trigger gently. After awhile I touched it too hard, the gun went off, and I started toward the heron, which was wounded.

"I thought it would be a good scheme to catch the bird and started to do so, when its bill shot out like a sledge hammer and struck me between the eyes. When I came to my senses, it was dark, and it was several minutes longer before I could remember where I was or what had happened. A little harder and the bird would have killed me. I shudder even yet when I think what would have been the result if the bill had struck one of my eyes."

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Between New York, Tampa Atlanta, New Orleans & Points South & West.

Schedule in Effect March 23.

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington 3.25 P. M., ar Rives Lumberton 5.30 P. M., Pembrokes 5.45 P. M., Maxton 6.15 P. M., Hamlet 7.15 P. M., Charlotte 10.30 P. M.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 4.30 A. M., Hamlet at 7.37 A. M., arrives Maxton 8.30 A. M., Pembrokes 9.20 A. M., Lumberton 9.34 A. M., Wilmington 12.05 noon.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet		10.32 p m	6.35 a m
Ar Monroe		12.15 a m	8.30 a m
Ar Charlotte		....	9.25 a m
Ar Chester		1.58 a m	9.45 a m
Ar Greenwood		3.43 a m	11.32 p m
Ar Athens		6.18 a m	4.15 p m
Ar Atlanta		8.50 a m	6.55 p m

Close connection at Atlanta for Montgomery, Mobile, New Orleans and all points in Texas, Mexico and California; also for Chattanooga, Nashville, Louisville, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago, and Western and Northwestern points.

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet		10.35 p m	6 40 a m
Ar Columbia		1.05 a m	8.40 a m
Ar Savannah		6 40 a m	10.05 p m
Ar Jacksonville		9.00 a m	1.50 p m
Ar Tampa		5.40 p m	5.00 a m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet		11.00 p m	7.40 a m
Ar Raleigh		3.00 a m	1.05 a m
Ar Norfolk		8.50 a m	11.05 p m
Ar Portsmouth		....	....
Ar Norfolk		7.15 a m	5.25 p m
Lv Hamlet	10.40 p m	8.35 a m	7.40 a m
Ar Raleigh	1.30 a m	11.30 a m	11.00 a m
Ar Norfolk	8.30 a m	1.25 a m	7.00 p m
Ar Petersburg	5.04 a m	4.07 p m	4.55 p m
Ar Richmond	6.36 a m	4.55 p m	5.45 p m
Ar Washington	10 10 a m	8.36 p m	9.30 p m
Ar Baltimore	11.26 a m	11.26 p m	11.06 p m
Ar New York	4.15 p m	6.30 a m	6.30 a m

Train 40 leaving Hamlet at 8.10 a. m. takes passengers from train 31, leaving New York at 1.00 p. m.; Baltimore at 5.45 p. m.; Washington 7.00 p. m.; Richmond 10 40 p. m.; Portsmouth 6.20 p. m.; Norfolk 8 30 p. m.; Raleigh 5.35 p. m. arriving at Hamlet at 6.30 a. m. From train 36, leaving Atlanta 8.00 p. m.; Athens 11.23 p. m.; Chester 4.06 a. m.; Charlotte 5.15 a. m.; Monroe 5.40 a. m.; arriving Hamlet 7.00 a. m.

From train 66 leaving Jacksonville 3.05 p. m.; Savannah 12.10 p. m.; Columbia 5.55 a. m.; arriving Hamlet 8.05 a. m.

Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

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JAS. M. BARR, 1st Vice Pres't and Gen'l Man.

mar 16 tf

Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16.

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. Pass'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS	GOING WEST. Pass'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	4 00	Goldsboro	11 00	.....
.....	4 30	Kinston	10 19	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	9 37	9 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City	7 32	7 37
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.50 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 1.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 2.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

oct 23 tf P. L. DILL, Sup't.

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Give us a call and see what we can do.

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WILMINGTON SEACOAST R. R.

On and after Monday, September 23rd, 1901 the schedule on the Wilmington Seacoast Railroad will be as follows:

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

Leave Wilmington.	Leave Wrightsville.
2 30 P. M.	8 15 A. M.
6 30 P. M.	5 15 P. M.

SUNDAY TRAIN.

Leave Wilmington.	Leave Wrightsville.
2 30 P. M.	5 15 P. M.
6 30 P. M.	

Freight must be prepaid and will be carried on the 5.30 P. M. train only.

sep 22 tf S. O. GRANT, Superintendent.

FOR RENT,

Dwellings, Stores, Offices, &c.

au 22 tf D. O'CONNOR.

Atlantic Coast Line R. R. Co

Schedule in effect Dec. 23, 1901.

NORTH BOUND.

	DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.
DAILY 9.30 A M.	No. 49—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.05 A. M., Warsaw 11.31 A. M., Goldsboro 12.21 P. M., Wilson 1.13 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.53 P. M., Tarboro 2.21 P. M. Weldon 4.53 P. M., Petersburg 6.40 P. M., Richmond 7.45 P. M., Norfolk 5.55 P. M., Washington 11.40 P. M., Baltimore 1.35 A. M., Philadelphia 4.05 A. M., New York 7.10 A. M., †Boston 8.00 P. M.
DAILY 7.00 P. M.	No. 49—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.35 P. M., Warsaw 8.42 P. M., Goldsboro 9.37 P. M., Wilson 10.30 P. M., †Tarboro 9.34 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.23 P. M. Weldon 1.07 A. M., †Norfolk 1.05 P. M. Petersburg 3.1 A. M., Richmond 3.57 A. M., Washington 7.00 A. M., Baltimore 9.00 A. M., Philadelphia 11.12 A. M. New York 1.40 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.
DAILY except Sunday 9.24 P. M	No. 55—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.10 P. M., Newbern 5 40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY except Sunday 6.00 A. M.	No. 51—Due Lake Waccamaw 7.10 A. M., Chadbourn, 7 41 A. M., Marion 8.40 A. M., Florence 9.25 A. M., Lanes 11.05 A. M., Charleston 1 10 P. M.
DAILY 2.45 P M	No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 6.30 P. M. Chadbourn 6.49 P. M., Florence 7.25 P. M. Marion 8.40 P. M., Florence 9.25 A. M., Augusta 4.10 A. M. Sumter 9 15 P. M., Columbia 10.40 P. M. Denmark 6.14 A. M., Augusta 4.10 A. M. Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.45 P. M. Charleston 11.15 P. M., Savannah 8.05 A. M., Jacksonville 8.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10 50 A. M., Tampa 10.00 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.10 A. M	No. 53—Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12.30 P.M., leave Fayetteville 12.45 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.58 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 6.00 P. M.	No. 48—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.00 P. M., New York *2.30 P. M., Philadelphia 12.30 A. M., Baltimore 4.35 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 8.05 A. M., Petersburg 8.40 A. M., Norfolk 8.30 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.32 P. M. Rocky Mount 12.52 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.15 P. M. Warsaw 4.10 P. M., Magnolia 4.35 P. M.
DAILY 10.10 A M	No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.35 A. M., Philadelphia 12.08 P. M., Baltimore 3.15 P. M., Washington 3.45 P. M., Richmond 7.23 P. M., Petersburg 7 59 P. M., **Norfolk 4.00 P. M., Weldon 5.35 P. M., **Tarboro 7.22 P. M. Rocky Mount 5.45 A. M Leave Wilson 6 20 A. M., Goldsboro 7.21 A. M., Warsaw 8 04 A. M., Magnolia 8 27 A. M.
DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M.	No. 55—Passenger—Leave Newbern 3.30 A. M., Jacksonville 12.35 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY except Sunday 11.30 P. M.	No. 50—Leave Charleston 4.30 P. M. Lanes 6.06 P. M., Florence 8.15 P. M. Marion 8.54 P. M., Chadbourn 9.52 P. M. Lake Waccamaw 10.21 P. M.
DAILY 1.40 P M	No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 9.00 A. M., Sanford 3.10 P. M., Jacksonville 8.30 P. M., Savannah 1.35 A. M., Charleston 6.45 A. M., Atlanta 7.30 A. M. Macon 1.06 A. M., Augusta 6.30 P. M., Denmark 4.25 P. M., Columbia 5.43 A. M., Sumter 8.05 P. M. Florence 10.10 A. M., Marion 10.52 A. M., Chadbourn 11.50 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.20 A. M.

[EAST BOUND]

DAILY 7.15 P. M.	No. 52—Passenger—Leave Sanford 8.35 P. M., arrive Fayetteville 4.30 P. M. leave Fayetteville 4.50 P. M.

Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8.10 A. M. Maxton 9.05 A. M., Red Springs 9.35 A. M., Parkton 10.05 A. M., arrive Fayetteville 11.10 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4.40 P. M., Hope Mills 5.00 P. M., Red Springs 5.43 P. M., Maxton 6.16 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M.

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 75, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leaves Rocky Mount 7.15 A. M., arrive Weldon 8.17 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10 15 A. M., arrive Richmond 11.10 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 2.15 P. M., Halifax 3.20 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 4.10 P. M., Greenville 5.47 P. M., Kinston 6.45 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.35 A. M., Greenville 8.30 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.05 A. M., Weldon 11.52 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 5.00 A. M. and 2.45 P. M.; arrive Parmele 8.58 A. M. and 6.10 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 11.10 A. M. and 5.22 P. M.; arrives Washington 12 30 A. M and 6.15 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 4.35 P. M.; Sunday, 4.35 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 6.35 P. M. and 6.35 P. M. Returning leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.30 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 9.55 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Trains leave Goldsboro daily except Sunday 5.00 A. M., arriving Smithfield 6.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 7.00 A. M., arrives at Goldsboro 8.25 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 9.30 A. M., 4.50 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10.32 A. M., 5.53 P. M., Spring Hope 11.06 A. M., 6.45 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.30 A. M., 5.15 P. M., Nashville 11.45 A. M., 5.45 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 12.10 A. M. 6.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton, daily, except Sunday, 11.40 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning, leaves Clinton 6.45 A. M. and 2.50 P. M.

Train leaves Fee Dee 10.13 A. M., arrive Latta 10.40 A. M., Dillon 10.55 A. M., Rowland 11.15 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.10 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.31 P. M., Latta 6.44 P. M. Fee Dee 7.06 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Chadbourn 12.01 P. M.; arrive Conway 2.20 P. M.; returning leave Conway 2.50 P. M. arrive Chadbourn 5.30 P. M. leave Chadbourn 5.35 P. M., arrive Elrod 6.10 A. M., returning leave Elrod 6.40 A. M., arrive Chadbourn 11.05 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Sumter 6.30 P. M., Manning 6.56 P. M.; arrive Lane's 7.40 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.00 A. M., Manning 9.00 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.40 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 8.40 A. M., *7.00 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 10 A. M., *8.30 P. M.; leave Georgetown 6.30 A. M.; *4.10 P. M.; arrive Lane's 6.00 A. M.; *6.35 P. M.

Trains leave Florence daily except Sunday at 10.05 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.30 A. M. Hartsville 9.56 P. M., Cheraw 11.45 A. M., Wadesboro 12.56 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 6.00 P.M.; arrive Darlington 8.22 P. M., Bennettsville 9.22 P. M., Gibson 10.30 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only 10.05 A. M., arrive Darlington 10.30 A. M.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6.05 A. M. Bennettsville 7.05 A. M.; arrive Darlington 8.15 A. M. Leave Darlington 8.50 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.15 A. M. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 4.10 P. M., Cheraw 5.15 P. M., Hartsville 7.26 A. M., Darlington 8.05 P. M.; arrive Florence 7.00 P. M. Leave Darlington 8.50 A. M., arrive Florence 9.15 A. M.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 1.59 P. M., 11.10 P. M., arrive Selma 3.45 P. M. 11.59 P. M., Smithfield 5.03 P. M., Dunn 5.40 P. M. Fayetteville 6.05 P. M., 1 10 A. M., Rowland 6.10 P. M. returning leave Rowland 11.15 A. M. Fayetteville 12.35 P. M., 10 07 P. M., Dunn 7.24 P. M., Smithfield 8.03 P. M. Selma 9.10 P. M., 11.35 P. M., arrive Wilson 5.07 P. M., 12.07 A. M.

Trains leave Sumter 4.30 A. M

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 28.

HEAVY RAIN STORMS.

Washouts in the Mississippi Valley. Trains Ditched and Tied Up—Miles of Track Destroyed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, March 27.—One of the heaviest rains ever known in this section fell last night at Port Gibson and vicinity and the storm continued to-day. A train on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley which left this city last night is ditched near Lorman, Miss. The engine and mail coach were overturned but the passenger coaches remained on the track. About six miles of track on this road is washed away in front of the station of Russum, Miss., seven miles south of Port Gibson.

A train over this line from Vicksburg due here this evening, is tied up at Port Gibson, on the Queen and Crescent route, and it was announced to-day that there would be no train either way.

The Yazoo and Mississippi valley shops were flooded with two feet of water and have been shut down. O'Neill's bottom, a low district of this city, was flooded and people had to be carried out of their houses to higher grounds.

Information from Brook Haven, Miss., is to the effect that several miles of track south of there was washed away by the flood last night. Seven inches of water fell during the night, the largest rainfall ever known here, except the freshet of April, 1866. At Lake Providence, La., a most unprecedented rain accompanied by an electric storm, began last midnight and has fallen all day. Up to 7 P. M. six and a half inches of rain had fallen. The back country is all overflowed. The temporary bridge on the lake is floating and communication is interrupted from the west of the parish with the town.

OLEO IN THE SENATE.

Continuation of the Discussion—The Industry Denounced as a Fraud.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—In the Senate to-day Mr. Harris, of Kansas, and Mr Quarles, of Wisconsin, spoke at length on the Oleomargarine bill. Mr. Harris supported the measure, but urged that an amendment which he proposed, placing a tax of ten cents a pound on adulterated butter and regulating the manufacture and sale of renovated butter, ought to be adopted. Mr. Quarles vigorously denounced the oleomargarine industry, as at present conducted, as a fraud and insisted that in the interest not only of the five million of dairy men, but also in the interest of the whole American people, the pending bill ought to be enacted into law.

The Senate adjourned until Monday.

VIOLATION OF PEONAGE LAW.

Wealthy Turpentine Operator of Florida Convicted in the United States Court.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., March 27.—A jury in the United States Court here returned a verdict of guilty against S. M. O. Clyatt, a wealthy turpentine operator, who was charged with a violation of the peonage laws of the United States. The evidence at the trial was to the effect that Clyatt secured in Georgia several negroes and coming to Florida brought about their arrest. The negroes were then taken, it is alleged, to Clyatt's turpentine farm, near Waterloo, where they were made to work until a debt they were charged with owing had been paid. The case was brought by the United States government, and this is said to be the first time that a Federal court has ever attempted to enforce the statute against peonage.

MINE WORKERS' TROUBLE.

Strike in the Anthracite Fields Postponed for Thirty Days.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Mine workers of the anthracite fields debated their differences for four hours to-day in a conference arranged by the conciliation committee of the National Civic Federation, but the meeting was without result, save that the workers agreed not to strike on April 1st, as decreed at the Shamoken convention. There is to be further friendly discussion between the two interests and Senator Hanna, as chairman of the industrial department of the federation, was empowered to call another conference at any favorable time within the next thirty days.

DIED IN RICHMOND.

Rev. Henry A Tupper, D. D., a Distinguished Baptist Minister.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, VA., March 27.—Rev. Henry A. Tupper, D D, died at his home here to-day; aged 74 years. He was born and reared in Charleston, S. C., and among his school mates were Timrod and Hayne, the poets, and the famous Dr. Bruns. Dr. Tupper came to Richmond about thirty years ago. He was an accomplished linguist, and for twenty-five years was corresponding secretary of the foreign mission board of the Southern Baptist convention. Until recently Dr. Tupper had occupied the chair of Bible history at Richmond College.

Motormen and conductors in the employ of the Jackson, Miss., Street Railway Company went on a strike yesterday because the manager of the system sent a negro out as motorman with one of the cars. The negro was discharged an hour later and the men went back to their work.

She Didn't Wear A Mask,

But her beauty was completely hidden by sores, blotches and pimples till she used Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Then they vanished as will all Eruptions, Fever Sores, Boils, Ulcers, Carbuncles and Felons from its use. Infallible for Cuts, Corns, Burns, Scalds and Piles. Cure guaranteed. 25c at R. R. BELLAMY'S.

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FLOOD DAMAGE IN MISSISSIPPI.

Nearly Eight Inches of Rainfall in the Past Twenty-four Hours.

ALL TRAFFIC IS SUSPENDED.

Damage in Vicksburg Will Amount to Thousands of Dollars — Business Houses and Residences Flooded. Yazoo City Under Water.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

VICKSBURG, MISS., March 27.—Nearly eight inches of rainfall in the past twenty-four hours has almost isolated Vicksburg so far as railway traffic and wire communication are concerned. Not a train on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley road has entered or left the city since 9:30 o'clock last night, when a mail and passenger train left for New Orleans. This train only succeeded in getting as far as Port Gibson, where it is still held, the tracks south of that point for two miles being washed away.

In this city the damage will amount to several thousand dollars. Many business houses and residences have been flooded to a depth of several feet. Streets are washed out and bridges undermined.

At the National cemetery many terraces were cut to pieces and the fine steel bridge across Mint Spring bayou, built by the government five years ago, is on the point of collapse and traffic across it has been stopped.

Traffic has been suspended on the Alabama and Vicksburg railroad on account of Baker's creek having overflowed the track.

At Yazoo City the greater part of the town is flooded and many buildings have been undermined and washouts are reported at many points on the railroad near there.

The Flood at Jackson.

JACKSON, MISS., March 27.—As the result of a severe rain which fell last night, all the rivers and creeks in this section of the State were out of their banks to-day and many families living in the lowlands were compelled to move to higher ground. Regular schedules on all railroads entering this city were annulled on account of numerous washouts and only one mail has reached Jackson to-day.

Several bridges were torn away and wagon roads were ruined by the storm. It is feared the damage to farmers and truckers will amount to thousands of dollars.

At Birmingham, Ala.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., March 27.—Since Wednesday morning at 6 o'clock the rainfall in this city has been 7.19 inches. This is one of the heaviest rainfalls ever known here and the streets and surrounding sections of the city are flooded. Street car traffic has been badly impeded and several washouts have occurred on railroads near the city. Rain has fallen steadily all day without any sign of diminishing to-night.

In East Mississippi the downpour has been terrific. All the creeks are roaring torrents and much damage has been wrought.

The town of West Point, Miss., on the Mobile and Ohio railroad suffered severely.

Cyclone in Arkansas.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., March 27—Advices to-day from Beirne, Clark county, state that a cyclone swept over that town yesterday, destroying much property and injuring several persons. A cottage occupied by W. B Hay was unroofed and Hay's wife and baby were injured. A train of twenty-five cars, standing on the Iron Mountain track, was blown almost an eighth of a mile down the road.

FLOODS IN THE DAKOTAS.

Stretches of Prairie Transformed into Veritable Lakes—Main Line of the Northern Pacific Blocked.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ST. PAUL, MINN., March 27.—For the second time within two weeks the main line of the Northern Pacific is blocked, and passenger traffic is seriously interrupted. Ten days ago the North Dakota section of the line was tied up by the worst storm in fifteen years, accompanied by fierce winds, tremendous snows and midwinter temperature. Reports to-day showed that trains are now blocked by Spring rains and floods over miles of prairies.

The sudden change in temperature melted the snow. Then followed severe rains, which have transformed great stretches of prairie near Mandan, N. D., and between Mandan and Jamestown into veritable lakes. At many points the main line tracks are completely covered by water. Farther north the Great Northern line has suffered severely although the floods have not been severe enough to block trains. Still farther north the Soo line has had trouble, although being in a more broken country, it has been less affected. Trains on both lines are delayed.

WEST VIRGINIA MINES.

Serious Condition of Affairs in the Mount Clare Section.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CLARKSBURG, W. VA., March 27.—The conditions growing out of the discharge of fifteen union miners at the Fairmont Coal Company's mine at Mount Clare are getting more serious. Five men have been arrested and placed under heavy bond to await the action of the grand jury for interfering with officers who were attempting to quell a riot. C K. Weekly, a union man, was seriously beaten and his recovery is doubtful. Some of the men arrested are charged with entering the mine and cutting off the air, thus imperiling the lives of all men working. Officers are guarding the mine and men who are working are said to be under orders to shoot for self protection and in defence of the property.

CASE OF JONES.

Accomplice of Patrick in the Murder of Millionaire Rice.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 27.—District Attorney Jerome was asked to day what he intended to do with Charles F. Jones. Mr. Jerome replied: "I cannot say definitely just what this office will do; but Jones' testimony convicted Patrick and it might be very inexpedient to prosecute him."

Emil A. Meisenburg, a member of the Missouri House of Delegates, has been convicted of bribery in connection with the Suburban street railway franchise legislation, after a trial lasting four days, and his punishment fixed at three years in the penitentiary.

RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA.

President's Message to Congress Recommending Provision be Made for Diplomatic Representation.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The President this afternoon sent to Congress a message recommending i provision for diplomatic representation in Cuba, in which he says:

The people of Cuba having framed a constitution embracing the foregoing requirements and having elected a president who is soon to take office the time is near for the fulfillment of the pledge of the United States to leave the government and control of the island of Cuba to its people. I am advised by the Secretary of War that it is now expected that the installation of the government of Cuba and the termination of the military occupation of that island by the United States will take place on the 20th of May next.

It is necessary and appropriate that the establishment of international relations with the government of Cuba should coincide with its inauguration as well as to provide a channel for the conduct of diplomatic relations with the new state, so as to open the path for the immediate negotiation of conventional agreements to carry out the provisions of the act. It is also advisable that consular representation be established without delay at the principal Cuban ports in order that commerce with the islands may be conducted with due regard to the formalities prescribed by the revenue and navigation statutes of the United States and that American citizens in Cuba may have the customary local resorts open to them for their business needs and, the case arising, for the protection of their rights.

I therefore recommend that provision be forthwith made and the salaries appropriated, to be immediately available, for, (a.) Envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the republic of Cuba, $10,000. (b.) Secretary of the legation, $2,000. (c.) Second secretary of the legation, $1,500. (d.) Consul general at Havana, $5,000. (e.) Consul at Cienfuegos, $3,000. Consul at Santiago de Cuba, $3 000.

I do not recommend the present restoration of the consulates formerly maintained at Saracoa, Cardenas, Mantanzas, Nuevitas, Saguala-Grande and San Juan de Los Remedios. The commercial interests at those ports heretofore have not been large. The consular fees collected there during the fiscal years, 1896-'97, aggregated $792 10. It is believed that the actual needs of the six offices named can efficiently, be subserved by agents under the three principal consular offices, until the events may show the necessity of erecting a full consulate at any point. The commercial and political conditions in the Island of Cuba while under the Spanish crown afford little basis for estimating the local development of intercourse with this country under the influence of the new relations which have been created by the achievement of Cuban independence and which are to be broadened and strengthened in every proper way by conventional pacts with the Cubans and by wise and beneficient legislation aiming to stimulate the commerce between the two countries, if the great task we accepted in 1898 is to be fittingly accomplished.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT,

White House, Washington, March 27, 1902.

ANSWER OF STATE DEPARTMENT.

To the Richardson Resolution Concerning Danish Islands' Purchase.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—It is said that the answer of the State Department to the Richardson resolution will disclose the fact that the United States government has refused to have to do with any persons as a party to the treaty who were not directly connected with the Danish government.

As it has been assumed in some quarters that the failure of Congress to appropriate the $5,000,000 which was to be the price paid for the islands, would in itself cause a failure of the transfer of the territory, it may be said that the construction of the treaty at the State Department is that directly upon the exchange of ratifications, the islands become the property of the United States, and the failure of Congress to make the appropriation would simply leave outstanding a debt of honor against us.

In a statement by Niels Gron regarding the Christmas statement Gron says that he came to the United States at the request of "Denmark's best and most influential men" to "lay before the representatives of the people of the United States the facts touching certain parts of the negotiations in order that any further step taken by the United States toward causing the taking effect of the treaty in question might be done with a full knowledge of the situation."

Representative Dalzell, chairman of the special committee appointed today by Speaker Henderson to investigate the charges in the Danish West Indian transactions, says he will go over the allegations to morrow when they appear in the *Congressional Record*, and arrangements will then be made for an early meeting of the committee, probably on Saturday. Until then, Mr. Dalzell said, there would be no plans as to the conduct of the investigation.

ALABAMA RACE TROUBLE.

No News of the Riot Reported Near Jasper—Cause of the Difficulty.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JASPER, FLA., March 27.—There is no news here of the race riot reported to have occurred fifteen miles east of this place. The scene of the alleged riot is in a sparsely settled part of the county.

The latest authentic news from there was that yesterday sixty armed white men were searching for Jim Crawford, wanted for an alleged criminal assault on Emily Sanders, a half-witted white girl. It was rumored that a number of negroes had armed themselves. Sheriff Moore, of this county, dispatched a courier to the scene, but nothing definite can be learned.

MISSING YOUNG WOMAN.

Her Dead Body Found in a Mill Pond in Wilkes County, N. C.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 27.—News reached here from Wilkes county, N. C., of the finding of the body of a young woman in a mill pond. The unfortunate girl was Sarah Benge, the daughter of a farmer, and she had been missing for three weeks. Evidences of several blows on the head were discovered and there was a large bruise on the breast. There was no water in the lungs.

GREAT SENSATION IN THE HOUSE.

Alleged Corrupt Use of $500,000 in Connection With Sale of the Danish Islands.

SEVERAL MEMBERS NAMED.

Charges Presented by Richardson of Tennessee, Democratic Leader — Contained in Secret Report of Agent of the Danish Government.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—A genuine sensation was caused in the House to-day by the presentation by Mr. Richardson, of Tennessee, the Democratic leader, of charges alleging the corrupt use of a fund of $500,000 in connection with the sale of the Danish West Indies. The charges were contained in an alleged secret report of Captain Walter Christmas to the Danish government, which declared that he had employed corrupt means to bring the negotiations for the sale of the islands to a consummation. The reports, extracts from which Mr. Richardson read, mentioned the names of Abner McKinley and his partner, Colonel Brown, C. W. Knox, who was described as an intimate friend of Senator Hanna. Richard P. Evans, who was said to represent "Mr. Gardner and his friends in the House," and two press associations, the names of which were not given, as having been interested in the matter. The charges against members of Congress were not specific. Upon the basis of this report Mr. Richardson asked the adoption of a resolution for the appointment of an investigating committee of seven. The Speaker ruled that the matter was privileged after Mr. Richardson had amended his resolution so as to specifically include members of the House. Great excitement attended the whole proceedings. Mr. Cannon, of Illinois, insisted that Mr. Richardson's presentation was fragmentary and that the whole matter should go over until to-morrow, in order that members might read the documents presented, which included newspaper extracts, affidavits, etc., in the Record. Christmas, he declared, on his own statement was a briber and worse. But the House voted down the motion to postpone and the resolution after having been amended in minor particulars was adopted.

The Speaker immediately appointed the following committee to make the investigation: Messrs Dalzell, Republican, Pennsylvania; Hitt, Republican, Illinois; Cousins, Republican, Iowa; McCall, Republican, Massachusetts; Richardson, Democrat, Tennessee; Dinsmore, Democrat, Arkansas, and Cowherd, Democrat, Missouri.

The Army Appropriation bill was subsequently passed without material amendment, and a rule was adopted to make the bill to retire officers of the revenue cutter service a continuing order until disposed of, the order not to interfere with appropriation or revenue bills or conference reports.

The resolutions presented by Mr. Richardson are in part as follows:

"WHEREAS, One Walter Christmas, a subject of Denmark, who is now and who has been for several years, a diplomatic agent and representative of the government of Denmark, authorized and empowered to negotiate with the government of the United States for the sale of the Danish West Indian islands to the United States, and who was also the agent of the United States for the purchase of said islands, has submitted a secret and confidential report to his own government; and,

"WHEREAS, The said Christmas, agent and representative, as aforesaid, in his said report to his government declares and sets forth among other things, the fact that the government of Denmark has contracted, agreed and obligated itself to pay and turn over to him, the said Christmas, ten per centum, or about five hundred thousand dollars of the proceedings of the purchase money arising from the sale of said islands to the United States when the same shall have been paid by the United States to Denmark, for the express purpose as has been declared and set forth by him in his said secret report to his government, for the bribing of members of the United States Congress, including members of the House of Representatives and other prominent citizens of this country, and for subsidizing American newspapers, to the end that the pending treaty between the United States and Denmark for the sale of the said islands by the latter to the former government may be consummated."

The resolutions further recite that said secret report states that the $500,000 shall be immediately paid to Christmas, if the purchase money is paid by the United States, for the corrupt objects set forth. The pendency of the ratification of the treaty is also set forth.

In conclusion the resolutions recite that a select committee of seven members of the House of Representatives be appointed by the Speaker to examine into the charges and the alleged circumstances, contracts, etc., "which in any manner have for their object the bribery of or the attempted bribery of members of the United States Congress or of the payment of any valuable consideration of any kind or character to them or to any of them to vote for or to assist in procuring the proposal, adoption or ratification of the said treaty of sale of the said islands."

The Republican leaders hurriedly consulted during the reading of the resolutions and when the reading had been concluded Mr. Payne, the majority leader, immediately made the point of order that the matter presented was not privileged. The resolution, Mr. Payne said contemptously, was based upon an alleged secret report to the Danish government. Instantly Mr. Richardson met this with the statement that he had a copy of the secret report to the Danish government.

"On my honor as a member of this House," said he, "I have now on my desk what purports to be and what I believe is that secret confidential report. Assuming the full responsibility of my words, I believe I have unmistakable evidence that this report was made to the Danish government by a quasi if not a real agent of that government."

"When did the gentlemen obtain access to the secret archives of the Danish government?" interposed Mr. Payne sarcastically.

"I have never been to Denmark," retorted Mr. Richardson, "but the gentleman knows there are other ways of obtaining authentic government documents. I have the evidence here. This is a grave charge. I do not bring it here for the purpose of making political capital. Here is a charge that $500,000 was paid for the express purpose of bribing the American Congress, yet the gentleman from New York seeks to interpose a technical objection."

Speaker Henderson at this point called attention to the fact that the language of the resolution charged that newspapers and members of Congress had been bribed. "Members of Congress," he said, "did not necessarily include members of the House."

He thought if the resolution was to be privileged it should specifically include members of the House.

"I am prepared to say," replied Mr. Richardson, "that these charges do include members of the House and will amend the resolution to that extent."

Speaker Henderson thereupon ruled that the matter presented was privileged.

By this time the interest in the House was intense. Almost every seat was occupied and the members listened eagerly as Mr. Richardson proceeded to present his case. First, he read extracts from the press at Copenhagen.

These were followed by an affidavit from Neils Gron, concerning his dealings with certain people here, but they were not particularly sensational. The real sensation came when he started to read from what purported to be the report of Walter Christmas concerning the negotiations. He prefaced the reading by the statement that it would show a "corrupt bargain," worthy of the consideration of the House.

The report was too long to read in full, he said. "I will only read the luscious extracts which, if true, should bring the blush of shame to the cheek of every American," said he, "for the statement will disgrace this country in the eyes of every foreign country in this world. This is what the corrupt bargainer says:" He then proceeded to read Mr. Christmas' account of his interview with the prime minister of Denmark, in which he was said to have told the minister of the necessity for the use of money to bring the negotiations for the sale of the islands to a successful termination. He told of his acquaintance with Abner McKinley, President McKinley's brother, and his law partner, Col. Brown, two gentlemen whom Mr. Christmas described as "having the entry to the White House and being familiar with the ways of American politics and what members of Congress would have to be paid to accomplish the results desired."

The report then described how Mr. Christmas had enlisted not only President McKinley's brother and his partner, but two press associations, one in New York and one in Washington, and a prominent banking house in New York in the sale of the islands.

The Danish foreign minister was reported as disgusted with the methods which had to be pursued, but as finally giving his acquiescence.

Mr. Richardson said that Christmas was speaking of inviting members of Congress to dine with him at the Hotel Raleigh, in this city. He then quoted from the report as follows:

"It was not alone the members of Congress I had to invite. I had as my special assistants two men, C. W. Knox, who was an intimate friend of Senator Hanna, and Richard P. Evans, a lawyer in Washington, who represented Mr. Gardner and his friends in the House. These took an active part in the personal agitation, since they talked with a large number of members of Congress and agitated for the purchase of the islands. I had contracts with them both, according to which they, and through them certain members of Congress, should have a share of the commission if the sale took place; but the two gentlemen's agitation expenses, etc., bills in restaurants and hotels, I had to pay. The two press associations, Abner McKinley and Brown, Evans, Knox and others. I had promised that their contracts should be guaranteed by the house of Seligman. To this the banking house had agreed, as it should in one way or another have to be recognized by the Danish government."

Mr Richardson said that he did not charge that any Senator or member of Congress had been bribed. He simply had presented the allegation of this agent, that money had to be used for bribing Congressmen. The charges had been published in this country and also abroad, he said, giving the impression that the conditions in the United States were "simply horrible." He, therefore, proposed this inquiry, so each member could disclaim the charge so far as it affected him. Mr. Richardson said that there was one unpardonable feature to the affair, in that the State Department must have known of the publication of these charges prior to the ratification of the Danish treaty."

Mr. Cannon, Illinois, made the first rejoinder of any length. He pressed Mr. Richardson to know whether the report gave the name of a member or members of the House said to have been bribed, and they engaged in a very sharp clash. Mr. Cannon was plainly laboring under considerable excitement.

Mr. Richardson insisted that the report did charge members of the House and Senate. "I have mentioned several of the names," said he, "I will repeat them if need be."

"It seems to me," said Mr. Cannon, breaking in, "that it would be wise to make this investigation, if it is worthy of investigation, after the members of the House have an opportunity to examine the documents which the gentleman from Tennessee has read. I do not believe that there is a man in the House who wants to investigate the mere statement of an acknowledged thief."

Mr. Cannon moved to postpone consideration of the resolution until to-morrow.

Mr. Underwood, of Alabama, declared that the honor of the country was at stake in the matter. It mattered not, he said, whether Christmas was thief or knave, he had made the charges. They should be thoroughly investigated.

Mr. Cannon declared that he had never heard of this man Christmas until to-day; he had no knowledge or information concerning him, but according to his own belief, he was a briber and worse.

"But he was accredited by the secretary of state," interposed Mr. Richardson, "and instructed to go to our minister in London."

"The gentleman artfully says the secretary of state made this man his agent," cried Mr. Cannon, indignantly. "I know nothing about it. If anything ought to be investigated I am for an investigation,"

"But these charges were printed in Denmark and were known here from January 28th to February 17th," interposed Mr. Richardson. "Does the gentleman not think the secretary of state should have called the attention of the Senate to charges that $500,000 was being spent to bring about a successful termination of the negotiations?"

"I do not know anything about it," responded Mr. Cannon, warmly, "and until I do I will say nothing that would dishonor any one."

"I am not seeking to dishonor any one. I am seeking to prevent dishonor," replied Mr. Richardson.

The Speaker then put the question on Mr. Cannon's motion to postpone. The Republicans generally voted for the motion, but such a stentorian chorus of noes came from the Democratic side that the Speaker announced: "The noes seem to have it."

Mr. Cannon did not ask for a division, and the Speaker declared the motion lost.

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OF GREAT INTEREST TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Whether Settlement of the Philippine Friar Land Problem Shall be Effected in Manila or Rome.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Archbishop Sbarretti and his secretary, Monsignor Broderick, called at the War Department to-day and had a short conference with Secretary Root. It appears that the issue now presented to the government here is one of extreme interest to the Catholic Church. Primarily, it resolves itself into the question, whether the settlement of the Philippine Friar land claim problem shall be effected in Manila, or whether it shall be adjusted at Rome. Archbishop Sbarretti, the coming archbishop at Manila, will be the nominal owner of all the lands and real properties belonging to the Friars' orders in the Philippines. Therefore, he will be the person to whom application for a purchase of lands would ordinarily be made. The application in such case would be by the Philippine commission and the transfer of the properties would be accomplished in the usual and ordinary legal means common to condemnatory proceedings, such as are provided for in the pending Philippine government bill.

But another proposition is under consideration at the White House and that is to have the proceedings conducted at the Vatican by the religious superiors of Archbishop Sbarretti on the one hand and by a legal representative of the United States government on the other. In such case it has been suggested that Governor Taft might stop at Rome on his return by the eastward route to the Philippines. The proposition understood to be strongly urged by Archbishop Ireland and Archbishop O'Gorman who would possibly, in the event of its adoption, accompany the first representative of the United States government to visit the vatican in an official capacity.

Monsignor Sbarretti later called on the President.

WARM WIRELETS.

Cornell's baseball team left for its Southern trip yesterday. The first game in the South will be played at Charlotte, N. C.

Governor Beckham has issued a proclamation designating Thursday, April 24, as Kentucky day at the Charleston Exposition.

The bituminous coal operators and miners of Pennsylvania got together yesterday and agreed to continue last year's scale another year.

A dispatch from The Hague says the *Dagblad* announces authoritatively that the confinement of Queen Wilhelmina is expected next September.

The Pennsylvania baseball team won the first game of its Southern series at Lexington yesterday by easily defeating the Virginia Military Institute team. Score, 13 to 2.

Surgeon General of the Navy Rixey has gone to Charleston, S. C., to look over the grounds for the naval station at that city, with a view to the establishment of a naval hospital.

Georgetown's inability to hit the ball effectively, combined with Yale's excellent fielding, lost the baseball game to the latter club yesterday. Score: Georgetown, 2; Yale, 8.

A special general meeting of the shareholders of the Canadian Pacific railway was held yesterday in Montreal to confirm the issue of $19,500,000 worth of new stock. The issue was authorized.

Former President Grover Cleveland and party passed through Charlotte, N. C., yesterday morning en route to Florida. Mr. Cleveland was at breakfast when the train arrived there, and though a large crowd urged him to deliver a short speech Mr Cleveland only responded by bowing his head.

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